

DHS S&T CSD Overview – HOST, BAA, SWAMP

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2004-2010 S&T Mission



Conduct, stimulate, and enable **research, development, test, evaluation and timely transition** of homeland security capabilities to federal, state and local operational end-users.



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DHS S&T Mission

Strengthen America's security and resiliency by providing knowledge products and innovative technology solutions for the Homeland Security Enterprise



S&T Goals

Goal 1: Rapidly develop and deliver knowledge, analyses, and innovative solutions that advance the mission of the Department

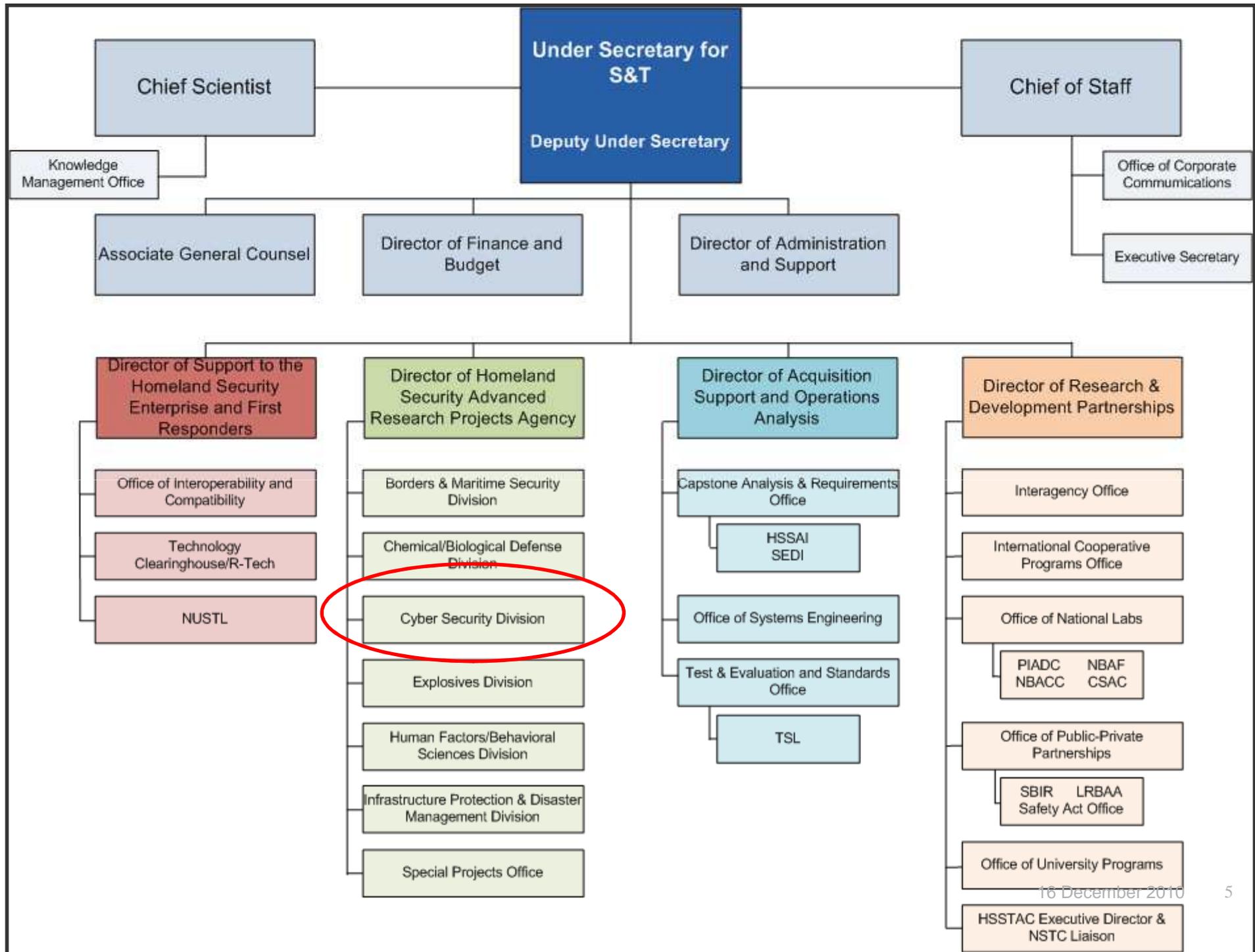
Goal 2: Leverage technical expertise to assist DHS components' efforts to establish operational requirements, and select and acquire needed technologies

Goal 3: Strengthen the Homeland Security Enterprise and First Responders' capabilities to protect the homeland and respond to disasters

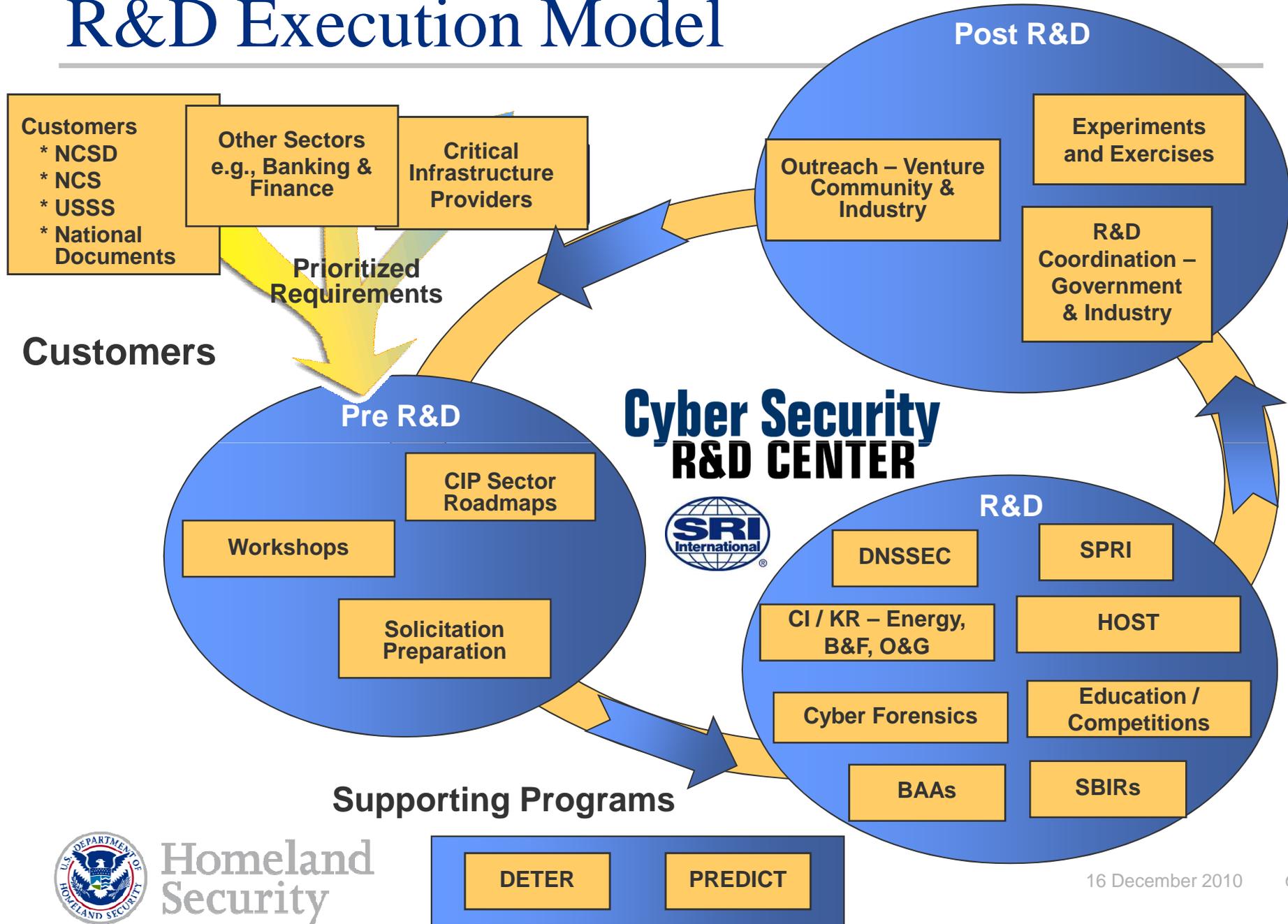
Goal 4: Conduct, catalyze, and survey scientific discoveries and inventions relevant to existing and emerging homeland security challenges

Goal 5: Foster a culture of innovation and learning, in S&T and across DHS, that addresses challenges with scientific, analytic, and technical rigor





R&D Execution Model



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Cyber Security Program Areas

- Internet Infrastructure Security
- Critical Infrastructure / Key Resources (CI/KR)
- National Research Infrastructure
- Cyber Forensics
- Homeland Open Security Technology (HOST)
- Identity Management / Data Privacy
- Exp Deployments, Outreach, Education/Competitions
- Next Generation Technologies
- Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR)
- Research Horizon – What does it look like?

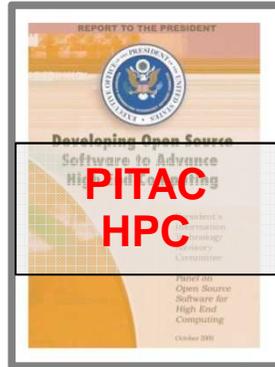


Open Source and Government



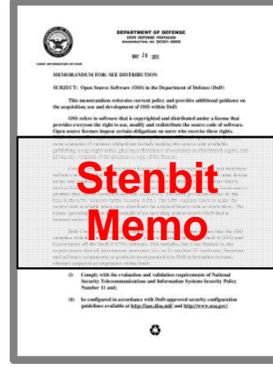
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**MITRE
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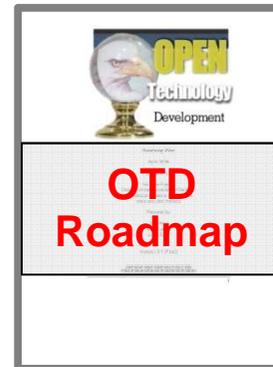
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**PITAC
HPC**



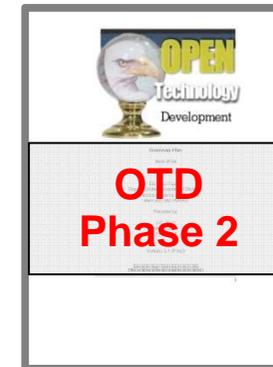
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**Stenbit
Memo**



June 2006

**OTD
Roadmap**

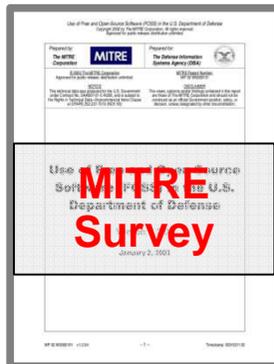


Launched Oct
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**OTD
Phase 2**



Jan 2003



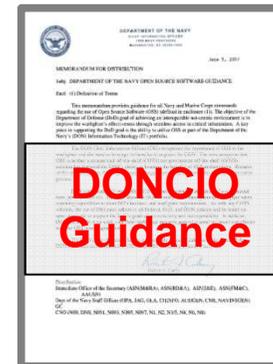
**MITRE
Survey**

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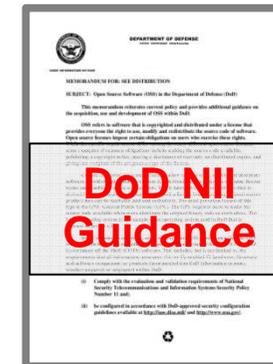
**OMB
Procurement
Memo**

June 2007



**DONCIO
Guidance**

Oct 2009



**DoD NII
Guidance**



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DARPA Program (2001-2003)



- President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) Report on Open Source Software (OSS) Panel for High Performance Computing (HPC)

Critical Findings

1. Federal government should **encourage the development of Open Source Software.**
2. Federal government should **allow Open Source development efforts to compete on a "level playing field"** with proprietary solutions in government procurement
3. Government sponsored Open Source projects should **choose from a small set of established Open Source licenses** after analysis of each license and determination of which may be preferable.



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WireX
Communications



Network Associates Labs

Coverity: scan.coverity.com



- Give open source community access to entire toolset
 - ◆ Open-source developers register their project.
Coverity automatically downloads and runs tool over it.
 - ◆ Developers get back bugs in coverity's bug database
- Big success:
 - ◆ Roughly 500 projects registered
 - ◆ 4,700+ defects actually patched.
 - ◆ Some really crucial bugs found; dozens of security patches (e.g., X, ethereal)

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Vulnerability Assessment of Open Source “Wireshark”

- **Assessment:** Assess a key open-source monitoring and forensics tool using the University of Wisconsin’s First Principles Vulnerability Assessment (FPVA) methodology
- **Training:** Develop materials and teach tutorials in vulnerability assessment and secure programming techniques
- **Vulnerability characterization and automated detection:** Use the results from assessments to formalize the description of vulnerabilities found and develop algorithms to detect them



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Need: Sustainable Government IT Systems

- US Govt Spends \$38 Billion on IT Annually
 - Trend is Not Sustainable
- Bureaucracy (easy to blame)
- Complexity of Govt Enterprise Systems
 - Redundancy – Re-Invent the Wheel
- Existing System of Acquisition, Management, Updating, Technical Obsolescence
 - Significant Hurdle
- **Cybersecurity = Protection of Infrastructure and Data**



Approach: Leverage Open Systems

GOAL: Improve systems security, enhance technical efficiency and reduce the cost of IT management...within Govt IT systems.

- **Audience**
 - Federal, State, Local **Government End Users - Citizens**
 - Share Benefits with Industry, Development Communities
- **Open Technology Solutions**
 - Vendor/Platform Agnostic
 - Best of Breed Development – Builds Upon Success
 - Focuses on Addressing the Needs of End Users



Benefits: Open Technology Solutions

- **Open Systems promote and encourage**
 - Transparency – Interoperability – Technical Agility
 - Enhanced Manageability through Open Source License
- **Economic Benefits**
 - Lower Adoption Costs – Promotes Vendor Competition
 - Broad Vendor and Developer Support
 - Secure – Stable – Broadly Adopted in Govt and Industry
- **Existing Govt Adoption/Usage**
 - OMB/White House, DoD, Dept of Navy adoption OS Policy
 - Growing Govt Open Technology Adoption



Competition: Who/What are the Challenges

- **Proprietary Vendors**

- Technology Vendors
- Business Models
- Non-competitive solutions

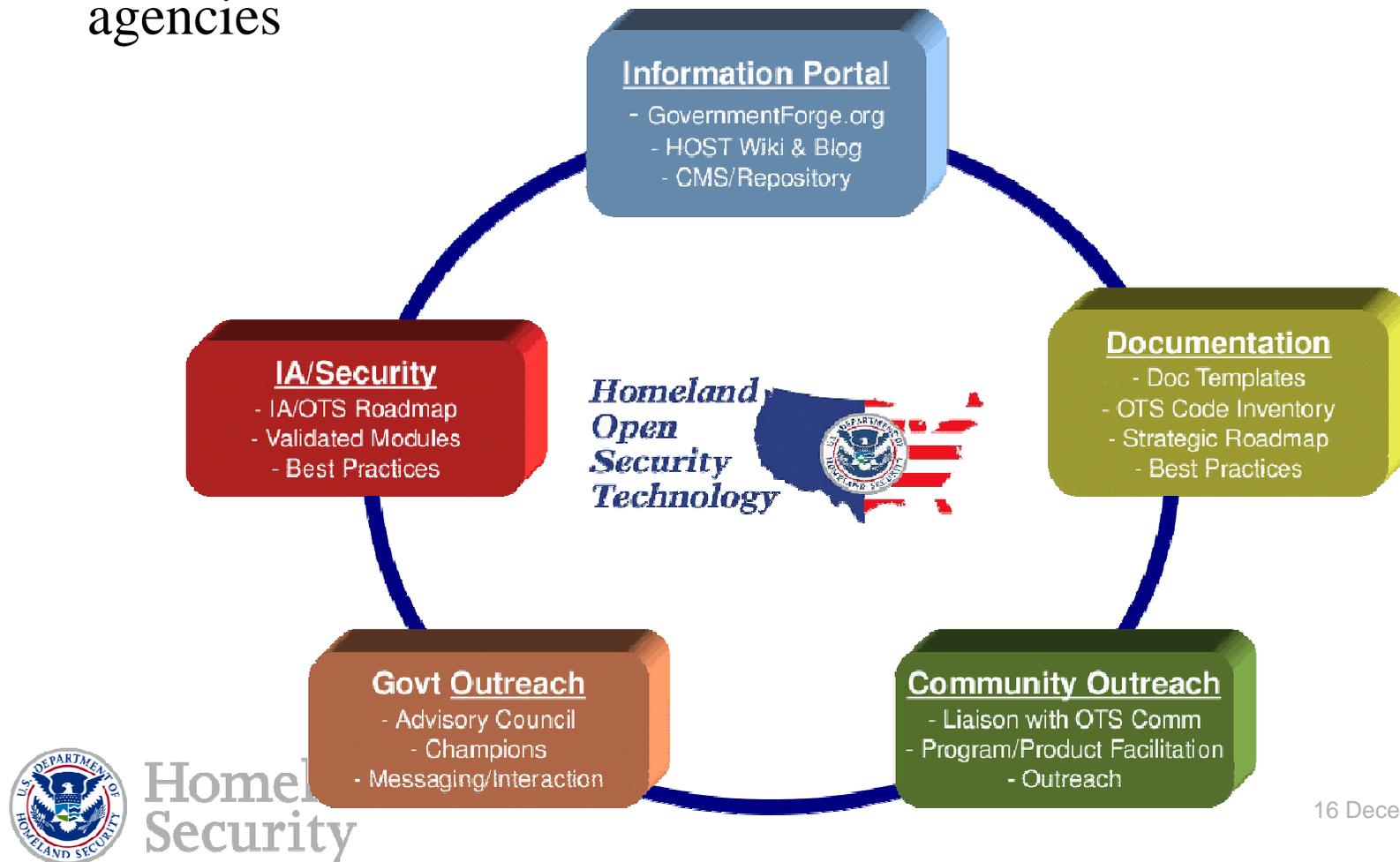
- **Adoption Resistance**

- Ingrained Systems
- Existing Relationships
- Policy Updates and Modifications
- Change Mentality
- Lack of Vision, Leadership and Continuity
- FUD/Pushback



Homeland Open Security Technology (HOST)

- Promote the development and implementation of open source solutions within US Federal, state and municipal government agencies

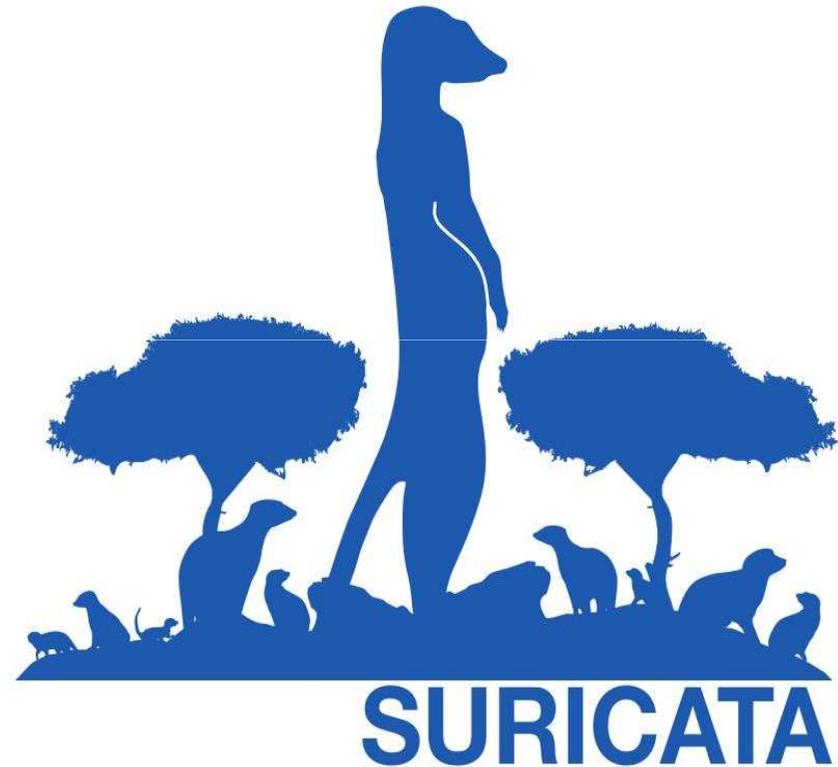


HOST Program Areas

- Information Portal
 - ◆ Federal Government Open Source Census
 - ◆ GovernmentForge Open Source Software Repository
- Documentation
 - ◆ Standards, Best Practices
- Community Outreach
 - ◆ “New” open source IDS/IPS – OISF and Suricata
 - ◆ Looking for other open source “impact” projects
- Information Assurance / Security
 - ◆ US Government security evaluation processes (OpenSSL)



HOST - Progress to Date



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HOST: Going Forward

- **Investment**

- \$10M up to \$50M+
- 5-yr (1 + 4 w/options)
- Scalable based on deliverables & program review

- **ROI**

- Value of Deliverables
- Strategic Advantage

- **Accountability**

- Metrics tied to similar IT program of record
 - Investment Costs
 - Recurring Fees
 - Management/Admin Exp
 - Upgrade Costs
 - Compatibility Expenses
 - Vendor Failure Expense

- **Process Not Product**

Can we afford NOT to Invest in Open Technology?



Next Generation Technologies

- **<http://baa.st.dhs.gov>**
- R&D funding model that delivers both near-term and medium-term solutions:
 - ◆ To **develop new and enhanced technologies** for the detection of, prevention of, and response to cyber attacks on the nation's critical information infrastructure.
 - ◆ To perform research and development (R&D) aimed at **improving the security of existing deployed technologies** and to ensure the security of new emerging systems;
 - ◆ To **facilitate the transfer of these technologies** into the national infrastructure as a matter of urgency.



BAA Program / Proposal Structure

- **NOTE: Deployment Phase = Test, Evaluation, and Pilot deployment in (DHS) “customer” environments**
- Type I (New Technologies)
 - ◆ New technologies with an applied research phase, a development phase, and a deployment phase (optional)
 - Funding not to exceed 36 months (including deployment phase)
- Type II (Prototype Technologies)
 - ◆ More mature prototype technologies with a development phase and a deployment phase (optional)
 - Funding not to exceed 24 months (including deployment phase)
- Type III (Mature Technologies)
 - ◆ Mature technology with a deployment phase only.
 - Funding not to exceed 12 months



DHS S&T BAA

- FedBizOpps
 - ◆ Look under keyword “cyber”
 - https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=3459d2180c7625e61fff3e2764b7f78d&tab=core&_cview=0
- <http://www.cyber.st.dhs.gov>
- Industry Day – November 17, 2010 in WDC
- 14 Topics – BAA to be released after Industry Day



Technical Topic Areas (TTAs)

- TTA-1 Software Assurance *DHS, FSSCC*
- TTA-2 Enterprise-level Security Metrics *DHS, FSSCC*
- TTA-3 Usable Security *DHS, FSSCC*
- TTA-4 Insider Threat *DHS, FSSCC*
- TTA-5 Resilient Systems and Networks *DHS, FSSCC*
- TTA-6 Modeling of Internet Attacks *DHS*
- TTA-7 Network Mapping and Measurement *DHS*
- TTA-8 Incident Response Communities *DHS*
- TTA-9 Cyber Economics *CNCI*
- TTA-10 Digital Provenance *CNCI*
- TTA-11 Hardware-enabled Trust *CNCI*
- TTA-12 Moving Target Defense *CNCI*
- TTA-13 Nature-inspired Cyber Health *CNCI*
- TTA-14 Software Assurance MarketPlace *S&T*
(SWAMP)



Past Solicitations

- <http://baa.st.dhs.gov>
- Left hand side – Past Solicitations
- Look for BAA 07-09 and BAA 04-17
- Review BAA, any modifications or amendments, presentations, etc.
 - ◆ Expectation is that BAA 11-XX will be very similar

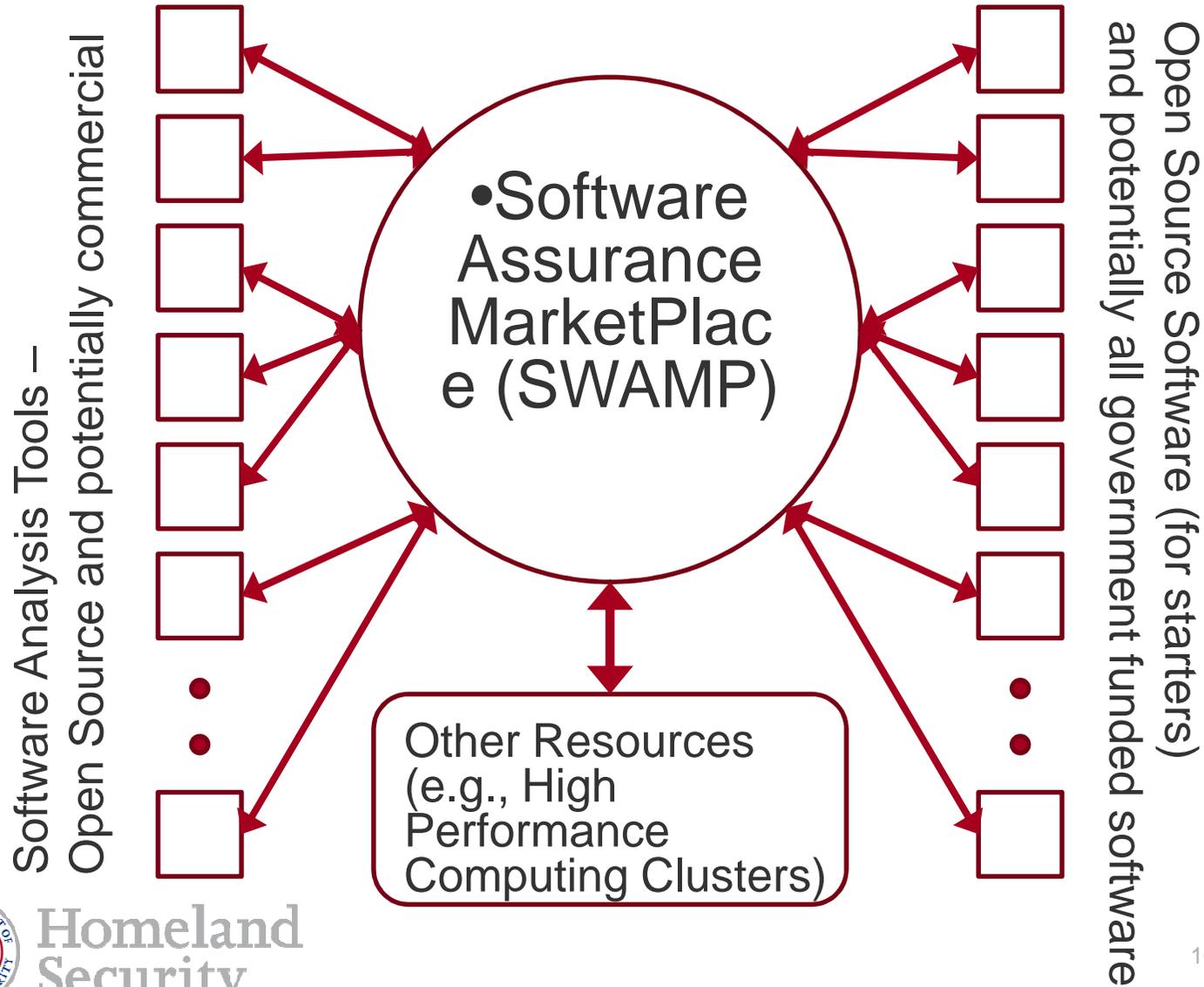


TTA 14 - Purpose

- Focuses on the research infrastructure necessary to enable software quality assurance and related activities (as solicited in TTA #1)
- A software assurance facility and the associated research infrastructure services that will be made available to both software analysis researchers and software developers, both open source and proprietary
- DHS expects the SWAMP to become a national level R&D resource in software assurance for open security technologies, used across civilian agencies and their communities as both a research platform and core component supporting US Government supported software development activities



SWAMP Conceptual Architecture



TTA 14 – Requirements (1)

- Provide a core cyber infrastructure system Combined hardware and software capable of testing multiple software packages in parallel using multiple software vulnerability analysis tools across multiple and varied platforms. **Multi-platform capability is a requirement.**
- Integrate with available input processes and available normalized output functions
- Web-based accessible service to developers and maintainers of open source and potentially others
- An Initial Operating capability (IOC) for this system is expected within 15 months of the start of activities



TTA 14 – Requirements (2)

- Do not address tool development (TTA #1). Discuss how tools will be incorporated into the research infrastructure
- Address access to computing resources, especially when considering scaling and performance of the system in usage scenarios involving multiple and simultaneous users testing multiple source code packages in a multi-platform environment. Address long term R&D operations issues.
- Leverage standards, reference material, and functional capabilities that already exist or are under active development SAFES, CWE, CVE, CAPEC, NIST's NVD, SCAP, NSRL, TOIF



TTA 14 – Requirements (3)

- Funding profile: up to \$5M in Year 1; up to \$5M in Year 2; and option years for up to three additional years at undetermined limits. Explain operations and maintenance costs for R&D infrastructure in years 3-5
- Program seeks to couple activities funded in this TTA with HOST
 - ◆ Goal is to facilitate Government-wide secure IT solutions based on open source technologies. More information on HOST can be found at <http://www.cyber.st.dhs.gov>. Responses in this TTA are encouraged to consider how their activities will integrate with the HOST program.



Summary

- DHS S&T continues with an aggressive cyber security research agenda
 - ◆ Working with the community to solve the cyber security problems of our current (and future) infrastructure
 - Outreach to communities outside of the Federal government, i.e., building public-private partnerships is essential
 - ◆ Working with academe and industry to improve research tools and datasets
 - ◆ Looking at future R&D agendas with the most impact for the nation, including education
- Need to continue strong emphasis on technology transfer and experimental deployments



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